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Applicant: Bruno et al.  
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Title: **FOLDING SUPPORT STAND FOR PLANTS**

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Action: **TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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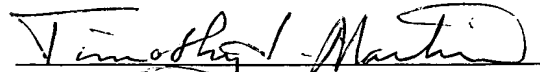
Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant's are not aware of any specific prior art, which relates to folding support stands for plants, as disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application. The Examiner's attention is, however, directed to the background discussion in the application as it relates to various structures for the support of plants. More specifically, within the background discussion, reference is made to simple upright poles upon which some plants may be tied. Additionally, reference is made to various fences and wire frameworks which have been used to provide an ensemble of wires upon which climbing vines may cling.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that his application presents new, useful and non-obvious technology and that the claims presented with this application are allowable. The Examiner is courteously solicited to enter an expeditious allowance of this application. If any questions remain to be addressed, it is respectfully

requested that the undersigned attorney for the Applicant be contacted at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

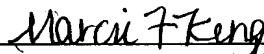
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